

# Fire and Rescue Departments of Northern Virginia

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## Senior Operations Chiefs Committee

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### PROCEDURAL BULLETIN

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**SUBJECT:** Change in Standard Operating Procedure RIT assignments

**APPROVED:** Randall L. Shank, NOVA Operations Chiefs Committee

Signature: 

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** IMMEDIATELY

In order to assure an optimally safe environment for regional fire and rescue personnel, the Northern Virginia Fire Chiefs Committee and subordinate working groups continually evaluate the effectiveness of the operational manuals and procedures. Due to the diversity of jurisdictional capabilities and service demands within the region, it is occasionally appropriate to adopt procedures that well serve some but not all member departments. These limited actions are instrumental in assuring the well being of our responders within specific counties, cities, federal installations or airports.

Effective immediately, the Northern Virginia Fire Chiefs Committee has approved for the following jurisdictions an operational change designating the third engine company, rather than forth engine company, as the pre-designated "Rapid Intervention Team" for all structural incidents with the exception of High-rise or Strip Malls occupancies.

Prince William County \*  
City of Manassas \*  
City of Manassas Park \*

Quantico Marine Corps Base  
Stafford County

To assure the greatest degree of operational flexibility upon the fire ground, incident commanders retain the authority to amend this assignment, with just cause, on a case-by-case basis.

\*Prince William County, the City of Manassas, and City of Manassas Park have further amended dispatch practices to include a fifth engine on all structure fire box alarms. The Northern Virginia Fire Chiefs Committee acknowledges this practice as applicable within those jurisdictions. All officers and incident commanders should anticipate this added resource.

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